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Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Attention: Disability Rights Office, Room 3-C438
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

This letter is a petition to the Commission for an exemption from the closed captioning rules when compliance with the rules would be economically burdensome. The captioning for my program exceeds the costs of producing the program exponentially.

As a sole proprietor of a small home base business, my revenues cannot support the fees of closed captioning. My financial resources are limited as the community I conduct business with are also low revenue generating operations as well as I am a senior citizen living on a small fixed income.

Attached are the necessary supporting documents for the Commission to review.

Sincerely,

Mary H. Bryant

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary H. Bryant", written over a faint, larger version of the same name.

+ Name of programming for which an exemption is requested. – The name of the program is "Mary Bryant Blues" it show showcase local blues artist. The channel is with Sinclair Media (My24-TV).

+ The nature and cost of the closed captions for the programming. _ I am sole proprietor of a very small business my revenue cannot support the fees of closed captioning and I have contacted every source and cannot find an affordable fee, the charges are extremely too high.

- CBS quoted a \$200.00 fee per show
- The annual cost for closed caption for 1 year is \$10,400
- The cost to purchase equipment and hire someone to operate the equipment is \$40,000.

The impact of captioning on your programming activities. _ I am a senior citizen on a very small income and having to close caption this program would wrip-out all I have and the community would be denied the showing of this community based musical program of which they are a big part of.

Your financial resources. _

Cash receipts: \$0

Expenses: 3500.00

I only receive Social Security and did not file Federal Income Taxes for the past 3 years.

Current assets to date are: \$800.00 in saving account
\$580.00 in checking account

Current liabilities are: \$4,000 to Small Business Assoc.
\$2,200 Taxes home
\$2,900 credit cards

Video programming distributor assistance. Yes I have asked for help with closed captioning from CBS-TV And they told me that I had to pay them the \$200 per show for I year, and there is no-way I could afford That high amount.

+ Your type of operations. My overall operations entails, traveling from location to location within 45 mile radius shooting different musical bands of music and paying to have it shot and edit for television, with the high cost of gasoline and lack of support this makes closed captioning a hardship in providing such a great service to my community.

State of Wisconsin _____

County of Milwaukee _____

This signature was acknowledged before me on 15th day January by _____
Dated this 15th day of January 2014 by Mary H. Bryant -



Notary Republic

My Commission Expires
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